

**ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IC
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EXHIBIT 17**

THE PLAN

The Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers would be merged with another 5 member board.

The new board will have 3 members of that profession and 3 hearing aid dispensers along with 1 public members for a total of 7 members.

There will be, within the Board, a committee for Hearing Aid Dispensers. The committee will consist of three dispensers, one other occupation member.

There will be within the Board, a committee for the other occupation, consisting of three members of that profession, one hearing aid dispenser.

The committee has the power to propose rules regarding their profession, including the practice, discipline, education, examination and licensure of their licensees. Complaints of a financial nature would be handled by the Office of Consumer Protection as described in the plan of the Department of Labor and the Department of Consumer Protection.

The committee will report back to the Board as a whole with their recommendation.

The Board as a whole will vote on the rule change. The full board must vote on the recommendations within 90 days of the committee report.

Any modification or refusal of the Committee reports requires 2/3 vote of the Board.

This plan eliminates a total of 3 board members, reducing expenses, and promotes autonomy within occupations while ensuring public safety.

Combining with another board would decrease excessive licensing fees for both occupations.

Failing this plan, our recommendation is to dissolve the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers.